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William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: Gen. Docket No. 98-120
Gen. Docket No. 00-185

On February 4, 2002, Lisa Schoenthaler, NCTA Senior Director, Office of Rural/Small Systems and Association Affairs; Diane Burstein, NCTA Deputy General Counsel; and Rocco Commisso, Chairman & CEO, Mediacom Communications Corp., Joseph S. Gans III, President & CEO, Gans Multimedia Partnership, James Pearson, President & CEO, US Cable Corporation, Gary Shorman, President & CEO, Eagle Communications, Richard Sjoberg, President & CEO, Sjoberg's Inc., and Kelvin Westbrook, President & CEO, Millennium Digital Media, members of the Board of Directors of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, met with Catherine Bohigian, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kevin Martin.

During the meeting, consistent with NCTA's written comments in the above-captioned proceedings, they argued that the FCC had correctly concluded that the "primary video" signal should be limited to a single digital video stream. They also urged the FCC to refrain from imposing a dual must carry requirement. In addition, they discussed their roll-out of broadband service to rural and small town locations, and urged the FCC to refrain from regulating those services.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Lisa A. Schoenthaler**

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cc: Catherine Bohigian, Legal Advisor